

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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LIFE SAVING DRUGS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of indigenous companies in public and private sectors producing life saving drugs;
- (b) the rate of increase in prices of life saving drugs during the last three years, year-wise, brand-wise and drug-wise;
- (c) the details of demand and supply of such drugs; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve their supply position?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (b):- The Drugs (Prices control) order, 1995(D.P.C.O,1995) does not make any distinction between Life Saving Drugs and other drugs. In accordance with the provisions of the said Order, the Government fixes prices of the drugs listed in its first Schedule and formulations based thereon. Any violation of the approved/notified price of a Scheduled formulation is liable for action under the provisions of the D.P.C.O,1995.

(c) & (d): Based on the periodical reports received from various State Drugs Controllers, NPPA regularly monitors the availability of medicines in the country and takes prompt steps for ensuring availability. In general, the availability position of medicines in the country is satisfactory. Shortage, wherever reported, are of specified brands and are localized. Equivalent brands of other manufacturers are normally available in such cases.